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1. CAN WELL UNDERSTAND DEPARTMENT IRRITATION. SITUATION FRUSTRATING ENOUGH LOCALLY DESPITE EMBASSY DAILY ATTEMPTS CLARIFY IV SITUATION. DECISION- MAKING PROCESS GOS PARTIALLY PARALYZED SINCE PM SUFFERED STROKE MID- DECEMBER. IT WILL CONTINUE BE DIFFICULT OBTAIN FIRM ARRIVAL DATES FOR IVS UNTIL SOMEONE OTHER THAN PM IS DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO CALL PARLIAMENT, INTRODUCE BUDGET AND APPROVE ABSENCES FROM COUNTRY. EMBASSY NOMINATES ONLY THOSE IT CONSIDERS IMPORTANT AND CONSEQUENCE THIS IMPORTANCE IS RELUCTANCE ON PART GOS SPARE NOMINEES FROM JOBS.

2. AIRGRAM FORMAL NOMINATION AND SUGGESTED PROGRAM JOHN DLAMINI (PROTOCOL) ENROUTE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT EITHER APPROVE NEW FY'73 GRANT OR SWITCH FY'73 GRANT FOR CHRISTOPHER DLAMINI (BRUSSELS) TO JOHN. IT APPEARS FOR MOMENT THAT JOHN AT LEAST HAS FIRM PERMISSION AND TIME SET TO GO.

3. EMBASSY PREFERS EARLY FY'74 FOR 4- H PROGRAM IF EARLY MEANS AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER PERIOD DURING COUNTRY AND STATE FAIR SEASON AND BEFORE WINTER. PLEASE ADVISE PROCEDURE FOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH 4- H.

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4. DECISION ON POPPY KHOZA AVAILABILITY FOR
EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM PROMISED TO EMBASSY BY
MARCH 30 IN ORDER TO SUBMIT NOMINATION BY APRIL 1.

5. EMBASSY WILL TRY AGAIN OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR PRINCE
GABHENI TRAVEL. KING SOBHUZA TURNED DOWN HIS
NOMINATION EARLIER THIS FY ON GROUNDS HE HAS TRAVELED
ENOUGH.

6. DR. LIEBBRANDT CURRENTLY SENATOR.

7. STANDARD PER DIEM RATES FOR ALL NOMINEES.
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